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(SBU) Per reftel request, the Embassy on August 28 delivered a written demarche on the October avian and pandemic influenza conference to high-level contacts at the Foreign, Health, and Agriculture Ministries. In a follow-up conversation on September 11, Ministry of Health Officer Elena Makriyiorgi informed the Embassy that Cyprus would be represented at the conference by Health Minister Christos Patsalides. Regarding possible Cypriot donations, Makriyiorgi stated that Cyprus had pledged "a small amount" of assistance to fight avian and pandemic influenza; she was unable to provide the exact figure, however, or whether it had been disbursed or not. Post will report Septel as new information becomes available.

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